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SUBJ: IDF MOBILIZATION (U)  
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MOST OF WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED EARLIER. HE MADE

POINT THAT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, IDF INTELL UNSURE  
WHETHER ENEMY DISPOSITIONS WERE OF OFFENSIVE OR  
DEFENSIVE NATURE. BY THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, IDF  
CONVINCED THAT ENEMY DISPOSITION MORE PRONE TO  
OFFENSIVE THAN DEFENSE.2. (SNFD) SPECIFICS CITED TO SUPPORT THIS ASSESSMENT INCLUDED  
A. HVY SYR ARTY MOVED FWD TO WITHIN 4 - 5 MILES FROM  
FRONT LINE.B. 2SQDNS OF SU-7S AND SOME SU-20S HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED  
TO BASES CLOSER TO FRONT LINES THAN THEIR HOME BASES.  
C. SYR HAS MOVED UP SOME 232 MM MORTARS.

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- D. EGY ARTY ON CANAL INCREASED FROM 800 TO 1100 GUNS.
- E. EGY TANKS MASSING ON CANAL.
- F. EGY MOVED SOME SA-6'S TO CANAL NR PREPARED

CROSSING SITES.

3. (SNFD) ZEIRA CLAIMED THAT 12 MORE SOVIET A/C FLEW TO MIDEAST LAST NIGHT (6 TO CAIRO AND 6 TO DAMASCUS). THAT MAKES TOTAL OF AT LEAST 20 INCLUD AT LEAST TWO AN-225. ZEIRA CLAIMS TO HAVE HARD INFO THAT A/C EVACUATING SOV DEPENDENTS FROM SYRIA AND FEELS CERTAIN SAME IS TRUE IN EGYPT. HE FEELS THAT AT LEAST SOME SOV ADVISORS ALSO BEING EVACUATED. SOV SHIPS ARE ALSO BEING EVACUATED FROM EGYPTIAN HARBORS. ZEIRA EXPECTS SOME OF THEM TO CALL AT LATAKIA THIS PM TO EVACUATE MORE SOVS.

4. (SNFD) MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR INFLUENCING DECISION

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ACROSS CANAL AND GOLAN HTS BEFORE NIGHTFALL TONIGHT. 6 OCT 73. ATTACK PLANS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOMKIPPUR TO ACHIEVE SURPRISE AND OF DARKNESS TO MINIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS OF IA. ZEIRA STRESSED THAT PLAN WAS FIRM. IDF HOPES THAT ENEMIES WILL NOTE MOBILIZATION (CLAIMED BY ZEIRA TO BE PARTIAL) AND HAVING LOST ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WILL CALL OFF ATTACK.

5. (SNFD) ZEIRA CLAIMED THAT SOV EVAC OBVIOUSLY A SOV INITIATIVE AND NOT EXPULSION. HE FEELS THAT SOV MADE DECISION WHEN THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT THEY COULDN'T TALK EGY AND SYR OUT OF SUICIDAL ATTACK PLAN. ZEIRA SEES 3 REASONS WHY SOVS EVACUATING:

- A. DON'T WANT ANY PART OF A LOSING WAR.
- B. CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF PERSONNEL WHEN IDF COUNTER-ATTACKS.
- C. POSSIBLE FEAR THAT SYR AND EGY, AFTER LOSING WAR MIGHT IN FRUSTRATION TURN ON SOV ADVISORS AND DEPENDENTS.

6. (SNFD) SIGNS OF MOBILIZATION ARE EVERYWHERE. NO TRAFFIC IS SUPPOSED TO MOVE ON YOMKIPPUR, BUT THERE IS MUCH TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS. MIL VEHICLES HEADING NORTH AT GREAT SPEED. UNIFORMED SOLDIERS IN PRIVATE AUTOS DRIVING TO DUTY POSTS. EMPTY COMMERCIAL BUSES SPEEDING

TO MOBILIZATION POINTS. THAT MOBILIZATION CAN BE EFFECTED AT ALL ON YOM KIPPUR ATTESTS TO EFFICIENCY OF ISR SYSTEM SINCE RADIO AND TV IS OFF THE AIR. RECALL IS BY TELEPHONE AND DOOR TO DOOR NOTIFICATION. IDF ALSO WENT TO ALL

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SYNAGOGUES (PACKED ON YOM KIPPUR) AND PASSED MESSAGE TO  
LAY MEMBER DESIGNATED TO LEAD CONGREGATION IN PRAYER.  
HE THEN INCLUDES MOBILIZATION MESSAGE IN HIS PRAYER.  
7. (SNFD) INFO RCVD FROM UK EMBOFF ON LEAVE AT  
SHARM-EL-SHEIK THAT SHARM HAD AIR RAID ALERT  
LAST NIGHT AND ALL TOURISTS HAVE BEEN TOLD TO CLEAR  
OUT OF SHARM BY 1000Z TODAY. ADDITIONAL INFO WILL BE  
PASSED AS RCVD. COORD WITH AMDAM  
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